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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR: GR, LY, PINR, MOPS

SUBJECT: RECON OPERATIONS FROM GREEK BASES

REFERENCE: ATHENS 1994

1. OUR UNDERSTANDING HERE IS THAT MG RYDER INFORMED BY
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PAPAVASSILIOU OF LIKELIHOOD GENERAL ANGELIS WOULD RESPOND TO LETTER CONVEYING STATEMENT STATE 59928 WITH REQUEST U. S. ADHERE TO 48- HOUR NOTICE REQUIREMENT. THEREFORE MG RYDER REPORTEDLY SENT NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT 7206 TH SUPPORT GROUP TO ADHERE TO 48- HOUR NOTIFICATION.

2. OF FOUR CRITERIA IN AGREEMENT OF OCTOBER 3, 1966 ONLY ONE GREEKS COULD SEEK TO APPLY IS THAT RESPECTING " MISSIONS WHICH ARE RECEIVING OR LIKELY TO RECEIVE PUBLICITY OR PRESS ATTENTION OF ANY TYPE". BY THEIR VERY NATURE, U. S. C-130 MISSIONS DESIGNED TO AVOID TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE ANY FORM OF ATTENTION. FACT THAT FLIGHT OF MARCH 21 DREW PUBLICITY WAS RESULT OUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN FORM OF ACTION CONTRARY INTERNATIONAL LAW. THIS ACTION COULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST ANY FLIGHT IN THAT PARTICULAR SECTOR, NOT JUST PASSIVE INTELLIGENCE MISSION. ACQUESCENCE IN GREEK POSITION COULD MEAN EXTENSION 48 HOUR NOTICE REQUIREMENT TO ALMOST ANY FLIGHT OUT OF ATHENS THUS VITIATING COMPLETELY THE POSITION WE ACHIEVED THROUGH 1966 AGREEMENT.

3. WE ARE PUZZLED BY REFERENCE TO CATEGORY 2 B IN PARA 3 C OF REFTEL. CATEGORY IS CLEARLY IRRELEVANT AND WE ASSUME EMBASSY INTENDED REFER CATEGORY 2 C.

4. WE INTEND CONTINUE C-130 FLIGHTS AND IF ISSUE OF 48- HOUR NOTICE IS RAISED, REQUEST YOU TAKE MATTER UP AT HIGHEST LEVEL ON BASIS MUTUAL INTEREST IN END PRODUCT THESE FLIGHTS AND CLEAR INAPPLICABILITY RESTRICTIONS 1966 AGREEMENT TO THOSE FLIGHTS. ROGERS

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